

Frequently Asked Questions: Advanced Batteries: Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative

Below you'll find some of the most frequently asked questions from citizens, businesses and agency and non-profit partners. (Created 4/14/09)

Q. Who is eligible for this recovery fund program and what can this money be used for?

A. All types of entities are eligible to apply, as a prime applicant including but not limited to: State Government agencies, local Government agencies, institutions of higher education, other non-profit organizations, and for project organizations.

Grants will be made to projects supporting the construction (including production capacity increase of current plants) of U.S. based manufacturing plants to produce batteries and electric drive components. The battery manufacturing area is focused on battery manufacturing plants, material and component supplier manufacturing plants, and recycling plants, including facilities and manufacturing equipment, for Li ion an other advanced batteries for advanced vehicles such as electric drive vehicles1 (EDVs) and micro-hybrids.

The program has 5 areas of interest in which grants will be awarded:

- Cell and Battery Pack Manufacturing Facilities
- Advanced Battery Supplier Manufacturing Facilities
- Advanced Lithium ion Battery Recycling Facilities
- Electric Drive Component Manufacturing Facilities
- Electric Drive Subcomponent Manufacturing Facilities

Q. How much money is available?

A. \$2 Billion nation-wide

Q. Where, how and when do I apply for money?

A. Application must be made directly to the US Department of Energy. The deadline for applications is 5/19/2009. Information on how to apply can be founds at: Click Here

Q. What is CTED's role in distributing the money?

A. CTED will not have a role in distributing money but may be available to partner in a project submission.

Q. Are there any other rules or obligations I need to know about?

A. ARRA funds can not exceed more than 49 percent of the total project cost. Projects may request a lower cost share requirement. However, cost-share is an evaluation criterion.

Q. I still have questions. Who do I contact to get more information?

A. Your CTED Contact is Nick Demerice at nickd@cted.wa.gov or 360-725-4178.